

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 6, 18, 30, and 42.

Please amend claims 1, 4-5, 8-9, 11, 13, 16-17, 20-21, 23, 25, 28-29, 32-33, 35, 37-38, and 43 as indicated below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
- creating a multimedia annotation for a paper document, the multimedia annotation representing at least one of an audio sound and a video clip; and
- combining the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a first multimedia document, wherein the first multimedia document is generated as a part of reproducing the paper document via a document reproduction system.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia annotation is represented as a first bar code printed on the multimedia document.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein the first bar code encodes an audio sound.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein a location indicator associated with the multimedia annotation is placed on the first multimedia document, wherein the location indicator indicates where the multimedia annotation can be retrieved and played.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the location indicator comprises a first Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar code, wherein the first URL is

indicated in plain text, and wherein the second bar code represents the first URL in an encrypted form.

6. (Canceled) The method of claim 4, wherein the multimedia annotation comprises an audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of both the audio sound and the video clip.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first multimedia document is a paper document.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
  
generating an image of the paper document, the image of the paper document being unconsciously captured during the reproduction of the paper document without user intervention;  
  
combining the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a second multimedia document; and  
  
storing the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation.
9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the second multimedia document is represented as a second Uniform Resource Locator (URL) printed on the first multimedia document, and wherein the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation is accessed with the second URL.
10. (Original) The method of claim 9, wherein a third bar code is used to represent the second URL.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further comprising automatically sending the second multimedia document to a recipient by electronic mail as a part of reproducing the paper document via the document reproduction system.
12. (Original) The method of claim 11, wherein the recipient receives the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation in the form of Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME).
13. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium providing instructions, which when executed by a set of one or more processors, cause said set of processors to perform the following:
- creating a multimedia annotation for a paper document, the multimedia annotation representing at lest one of an audio sound and a video clip; and
- combining the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a first multimedia document, wherein the first multimedia document is generated as a part of reproducing the paper document via a document reproduction system.
14. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the multimedia annotation is represented as a first bar code printed on the multimedia document.
15. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the first bar code encodes an audio sound.
16. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein a location indicator associated with the multimedia annotation is placed on the first multimedia

document, wherein the location indicator indicates where the multimedia annotation can be retrieved and played.

17. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the location indicator comprises a first Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar code, wherein the first URL is indicated in plain text, and wherein the second bar code represents the first URL in an encrypted form.

18. (Canceled) The machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the multimedia annotation comprises an audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of both the audio sound and the video clip.

19. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the first multimedia document is a paper document.

20. (~~Original~~ Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:

generating an image of the paper document, the image of the paper document being unconsciously captured during the reproduction of the paper document without user intervention;

combining the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a second multimedia document; and

storing the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation.

21. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the second multimedia document is represented as a second Uniform Resource Locator (URL)

printed on the first multimedia document, and wherein the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation is accessed with the second URL.

22. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein a third bar code is used to represent the second URL.

23. (Currently Amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising automatically sending the second multimedia document to a recipient by electronic mail as a part of reproducing the paper document via the document reproduction system.

24. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the recipient receives the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation in the form of Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME).

25. (Currently Amended) A computer system, comprising:

a bus;

a data storage device coupled to the bus; and

a processor coupled to the data storage device, the processor operable to receive instructions which, when executed by the processor, cause the processor to perform a method comprising:

creating a multimedia annotation for a paper document, the multimedia annotation representing at least one of an audio sound and a video clip; and

combining the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a first multimedia document, wherein the first multimedia document is generated as a part of reproducing the paper document via a document reproduction system.

26. (Original) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the multimedia annotation is represented as a first bar code printed on the multimedia document;
27. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the first bar code encodes an audio sound.
28. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 25, wherein a location indicator associated with the multimedia annotation is placed on the first multimedia document, wherein the location indicator indicates where the multimedia annotation can be retrieved and played.
29. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 28, wherein the address comprises a first Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar code, wherein the first URL is indicated in plain text, and wherein the second bar code represents the first URL in an encrypted form.
30. (Canceled) The computer system of claim 28, wherein the multimedia annotation comprises an audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of both the audio sound and the video clip.
31. (Original) The computer system of claim 25, wherein the first multimedia document is a paper document.
32. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 25, further comprising:  
generating an image of the paper document, the image of the paper document being  
unconsciously captured during the reproduction of the paper document without  
user intervention;

combining the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a second multimedia document; and

storing the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation.

33. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 32, wherein the second multimedia document is represented as a second Uniform Resource Locator (URL) on the first multimedia document, and wherein the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation is accessed with the second URL.

34. (Original) The computer system of claim 33, wherein a third bar code is used to represent the second URL.

35. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 32, further comprising automatically sending the second multimedia document to a recipient by electronic mail as a part of reproducing the paper document via the document reproduction system.

36. (Original) The computer system of claim 35, wherein the recipient receives the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation in the form of Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME).

37. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:  
  
creating a paper document to be used with a multimedia annotation;  
  
creating the multimedia annotation, the multimedia annotation representing at least one of an audio sound and a video clip;  
  
storing an image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation; and

combining the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a multimedia document, wherein the storing and the combining are performed as a part of reproducing the paper document via a document reproduction system without user intervention.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein combining the document and the multimedia annotation comprises:

creating a paper multimedia document by associating the multimedia annotation with the paper document; and

creating an electronic multimedia document by associating the multimedia annotation with the image of the paper document.

39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein the multimedia annotation associated with the paper multimedia document is represented as a first bar code printed on the paper multimedia document, wherein the first bar code encodes an audio sound.

40. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein a location indicator of the multimedia annotation associated with the paper multimedia annotation is placed on the paper multimedia document, wherein the location indicator indicates where the multimedia annotation can be retrieved and played.

41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the location indicator comprises a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar code, wherein the URL is indicated in plain text, and wherein the second bar code represents the URL.



42. (Canceled) The method of claim 40, wherein the multimedia annotation comprises an audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of both the audio sound and the video clip.
43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 38, further comprising automatically sending the electronic multimedia document to a recipient as a part of reproducing the paper document via the document reproduction system, wherein the recipient receives the electronic multimedia document in the form of an attachment to an electronic mail.
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